

# Glad Tidings

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*"Buy the truth, and sell it not." (Prov. 23:23)*

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**FROM THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR RELIGION**  
*Strength For Today And Bright Hope For Tomorrow*

*Philippians 4:13*

*I Corinthians 15:19.*

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

It brings me no pleasure to think what might be facing our children and grandchildren if the Lord doesn't return soon to take His ransomed bride home to glory. It seems the scriptures are being trampled on as never before. Satan has always attacked God's word from the Garden of Eden and to this present time. God told Adam that if he ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil he would surely die. The serpent just added one word when he tempted Eve by telling her, "Ye shall not surely die." (Gen. 3:4)

Satan's attack on the word of God is being ramped up and hastened along by a culture that defies the word of God that is plain on so many subjects of what is right and wrong. The scriptures are being fulfilled right before our eyes as the prophet Isaiah declares, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" (Isa. 5:20-21)

Homosexuality or sodomy is an abomination as thus saith the Lord: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." (Lev. 18:22) Yet the culture wants everyone, including all the religious community, to accept it as good when in fact it is right the opposite. Our children are ever being exposed to such gay and lesbian relationships in commercials, the movies and even in some school curriculum. The people who practice this ungodly behavior aren't satisfied with just doing their thing but desire to permeate it in the minds of everyone, especially the young to bring them into the fold.

What is the big deal say some? The big deal is that it is sin and God never looks with favoritism upon sin. God destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for the practice of Sodomy. The Bible says, "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:" (II Pet. 2:6-7) People seem to have forgotten this example and judgment of God or else they just don't care. We read in the news or see on the TV of such things as gay pride parades and celebrations that words cannot effectively depict the behavior exhibited. These people take pride in sinning against God which He explicitly forbids.

Now everyone is confused as to their gender whether they are a boy or girl. Well, God is not confused and said from the very beginning, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Gen. 1:27) Man was to leave father and mother and cleave unto his wife and they would be one flesh; they would have children and procreate the earth. Now we have transgender as males make a physical transformation to become females and dress as such and the same way with the female who thinks she is a male. Political leaders seem to take great delight in appointing such in positions of authority. Our current President has named Rachel (Richard) Levine as Deputy Health Secretary. He (she) is a pediatrician doctor and top health official in Pennsylvania. I don't think I would want my children being treated by such.

Now modern parents want to give their children the opportunity and even encourage them to decide their gender identity. Dear reader that gender was determined when you were born; just another Satanic attack on the word of God. There isn't any such thing as gender neutral no matter what word you put in the place of a man or woman. A dog is a dog when it is born, either male or female; a cat is a cat when it is born, either male or female and that goes with every species. God said at the very beginning that he made every beast and all creeping things "after their kind." (Gen. 1:25) Imagine what the future will be when children grow up not knowing who or what they are.

The traditional and Biblical family is under attack with the sanction of same sex marriage and the allowance of the adoption of children into such an unbiblical relationship. Fathers are to bring their children up in nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph. 6:4) How can this be done in an ungodly same sex marriage? I say it cannot be done.

The rights of same sex marriages, homosexuals, transgender and gay people are being enhanced to the infringement of the rights of individuals and businesses to govern according to their religious beliefs. The Psalmist David said, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psa.11:3) God is righteous still and He is in His holy temple with His throne still in heaven. This attack on His word hasn't taken Him by surprise so the child of God is to continue to pray and trust in Him and lean not to their own understanding. Then He will direct their paths whatever the environment. (Elder Larry Wise)

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**"I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD"**

By Elder Daily Hite (Deceased)

What a firm, strong statement for someone to make such an assertion as this; that it would be that way and nothing short of being fulfilled. Why is this that speaks with authority as never man spake before or since. Why is it strange to the world to be overcome by such a one? It is the blessed Jesus that was, and is a friend of publicans and sinners, and although He was called a gluttonous man and a winebibber and a blasphemer—a poor carpenter's Son, yet it was He that could make such a positive truth, "I have overcome the world." Turn to the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John and read the encouraging words of a man that was about to be crucified, and you will find His statement at the end of this chapter. Yes, He was not only man, but He was the only Savior of sinners; He was God manifest in the flesh; The same Jesus that God hath made both Lord and Christ. He can and does speak words of truth and love; He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and can say with authority, "I have overcome the world."

To overcome means to have the better hand or controlling power over all objections, temptations; to prevail over or surmount all difficulties and to overwhelmingly gain the victory. "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Jesus, having all power in heaven and in earth, could in every respect overcome the world. The world under consideration not only refers to the world in which the disciples lived, that being the territory or realm in which they lived together with the Savior in and around Judea the Canaan land, and

Jerusalem, but it also embraces the entire universe of ours in which all humanity dwells. Now this statement was made to the disciples as He conversed with them in their journey from the upper room, where He had communion with them and washed their feet, and now He tells them that He will be with them only a short time, for His hour is now come. "A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father." So Jesus had spoken plainly to them, and now says to the disciples, "The hour is come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and leave me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Then the very sweet effective prayer that Jesus prayed in the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of John concludes this wonderful exhortation to the disciples as they journeyed to the Mount of Olives and crossed over the brook Cedron into the garden where Jesus oftimes resorted thither with His disciples.

In Jesus ye shall have peace; in the world ye shall have tribulation. There is no true, solid peace to be enjoyed in the world; although the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; it is His footstool. Spiritual, everlasting peace does not come from the world, but from Christ Jesus, the object of all grace, pardon, atonement, righteousness, sanctification, justification, redemption and glorification. So to all, as well as the disciples, "In the world ye shall have tribulation." This is a certain declaration of Christ, and truth itself. Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Divine appointment has so decreed and determined that in the world ye shall have tribulation; even as conformity of the members to the head, so the experiences of the people of God, of all ages, testify of the usefulness of tribulation to try the graces and faith to bring about the temporal, spiritual and eternal good of believers; and though they have tribulation in the world, yet not by way of punishment for sin, but as fatherly corrections and chastening for their good, that they may not be conformed with the world. As soon as a person is done with the world, he is done with tribulation. So be of good cheer; notice very definitely that the Savior's statement of tribulation in the world is preceded by "In me ye might have peace," and followed by "be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Be of good cheer since your sins are forgiven and the love of God is shed abroad in your hearts, your redemption draws nigh with a sweet hope of bright glory beyond this world of tribulation, for Christ has overcome the world.

Daily Hite

(From "Advocate and Messenger", April, 1968)

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)

**WE WILL DO THEE GOOD***June 18, 1942*

By Elder C. H. Cayce

*And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel.—Numbers x. 29.*

This language was spoken by Moses while the children of Israel were in the wilderness as they were journeying to the land of Canaan, the land which the Lord said He would give to Abraham and his seed after him. "And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land."—Genesis xii. 7. "For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever." Genesis xiii. 15. This land was a goodly land. "And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey."—Exodus iii. 8,17. The Lord gave this land unto Abraham and to his seed after him for an everlasting possession. The land belonged to the Jews, the Israelites. It was theirs by gift and by birth. But though it was theirs by gift and by birth, it was necessary that they [pg 360] obey the Lord, keep His statutes and His ordinances, in order that they be permitted to enjoy the blessings of the land. They had to do what God said do in order to eat of the milk and the honey. The milk and honey is the glory of the land. The blessings of the land were in that land, not in another place. In the land were vineyards which they did not plant. The fruits of the vineyards were to be had no other place, only in that land. They had to go over Jordan and enter into that land in order to eat the fruits of the vineyards. The Lord commanded them to cross over Jordan and to take possession of the land which the Lord had given them. So, they had to do what the Lord said do in order to have and to enjoy the blessings and fruits of the land, which were in the land. This land cannot, or could not, represent heaven, for no one enters heaven by doing something. Poor sinners are saved in heaven by what Jesus has done for them; this is all of grace and mercy, and is wholly the work of the Lord; but they entered into the land of Canaan and enjoyed the fruits of the land—not in order to become Israelites, or in order to become children of God, but in order to enjoy the blessings of the land.

They were already children of God, as a nation. The Lord had made choice of them, and brought them out of Egypt. He had made choice of them, to put His name among them. Then he gave them the land of Canaan as a delightful place for them to live and serve Him and glorify Him. But they rebelled and served idols, and the chastening rod was laid upon them. Yet they are still His people. "Behold, to obey is

better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."—I Samuel xv. 22. [pg 361] "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." In order that the little child of God enjoy this good it is necessary to "come with us." True, there are trials and conflicts met with along the way in the service of the Lord, in traveling the way He directs; yet there are sweet and precious promises also met with along the way, and they are not to be enjoyed elsewhere. They are worth more than the whole world combined. "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer afflictions with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward."—Hebrews xi. 24-26. Turn to your Book and read the context. Here is a reward which is worth more than all the treasures of this poor world. Heaven is not a reward, but an inheritance, and is all of grace; but here is a joy and a richness in the service of the Lord.

"Come thou with us." We have rich things that the world knows not of. "We will do thee good." You need the company and association and fellowship of the Lord's little children, His humble followers. Come and cast your lot with us, and "we will do thee good." We cannot do thee such good until and unless you come with us.

For almost fifty-three years we have been with the Lord's humble poor in His kingdom, the antitype of the land of Canaan, and they have done us good.—more good than we are able to tell, or ever will be able to tell. True, there have been trials and conflicts along the way; but, with all that, they have done us [pg 362] so much good that we have no desire to turn away from going with them. "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me."—Ruth i. 16, 17. If they will bear with us in our weaknesses and imperfections and shortcomings, we shall stay with them the few remaining days we have allotted to us to remain in this world of troubles and distresses. We have already lived out our allotted "three score years and ten," and one more beside—now living on what is called "borrowed time." Perhaps the "borrowed years" will not be very many, and it will not be many years for them to bear our mistakes and shortcomings. They have done us good all these years. "The Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." May His richest blessings rest upon the reader, is our humble prayer; and will you pray the Lord to keep us what few days we yet have to stay here?

C. H. C.

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### THE BLAME GAME



By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

*“And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.” 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:17-18*

Ahab seemed to think he was totally innocent of the blame for the famine and the troubles in the land of Israel. He cast the blame on the prophet Elijah, which is the same as blaming the Lord. This is the practice most often followed by those in the wrong, try to make themselves the victim and those who are in the right as being jealous and hard-hearted.

This is the tactic being used by those who advocate abortion and homosexuality. Recently, some celebrity let slip his true feelings and all those who support things contrary to Bible teachings came after him. They made themselves the victim, just like Ahab. Sometimes they call on the person to be fired for being so intolerant. That was all Ahab wanted. He wanted Elijah to be tolerant.

Many murderers, rapists, and pedophiles blame everyone but themselves. We hear it every day in courtrooms across America. We hear it was the way they were raised, sometimes because they were deprived of what is considered the finer things of life. Society is to blame because they have not provided the means for them to have what everyone else has. When caught they are not to blame. Mama or Papa or their teacher is to blame. With my own ears, I have heard a man blame the bad weather on the President, just because he was of a different political party than the President.

According to that theory, Abraham Lincoln should have been a great criminal because he was raised in poverty.

The basic and complete rule of law is the Bible. When we violate these laws or commandments, we are to blame, not someone else.

The history of the church shows the blame game is followed by those who carry the name of religion. The Pharisees blamed the Apostles for perceived troubles

with the ruling authorities because they preached Jesus.

During the mission movement of the 1800's, those who objected to this new invention were labeled intolerant and hard, not interested in saving sinners. This is likely where *the* term “hardshells” began. The mission brethren believed most of what the old line Baptist believed.

The Absolute movement and the Calvinistic movement used the same tactic. They wanted fellowship with the main body of Baptist. The fact that they thought everything that happened was caused by the Lord, and Primitive Baptists denied this, they made themselves victims and labeled Primitive Baptists as mean-spirited and intolerant of their different view.

When this tactic is used today, we ought to exercise caution and look beyond the words and see what the true issue may be.

I conclude that those who play the blame game are Ahabites.

Sometimes there is a need to stare coldly into reality, as David did when Nathan the Prophet said, *“Thou art the man.”*—Guy Hunt

(From *“The Pathway of Truth”*, May, 2007)

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### CHRISTIANS FIRST

*“And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” (Acts 11:26)*

The people in Antioch had received the word of God and had turned to the Lord. The tidings of this news came to the church at Jerusalem and Barnabas went there and saw the grace of God. He saw it in the people who had received the word of God. He left there and found Paul and came back to Antioch; there they taught the truth for a year to much people who had been touched by God's grace. These disciples were called CHRISTIANS FIRST in Antioch.

A Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ and also comes from a word that means “anointed.” Christians follow the anointed Jesus Christ. A person is anointed first by the Holy Spirit in the new birth; then they hear about Christ in the gospel and follow Him in obedience which ultimately means baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. It is important to note that an individual can be a child of God without being a Christian but one cannot be a Christian without being a child of God. Only God can make sons of God but the gospel is instrumental in making disciples and followers of Christ. Don't put the cart before the horse.—*Editor*

**HEAVEN—HIGH AND LOW SEATS**

By Elder C. H. Cayce (Deceased)

If sinners were saved in heaven because of what they do, or because of their good works, it might be true that one would have a higher place or a more exalted position in heaven than others. But sinners are not saved in heaven because of their righteousness, or because of their good works. They are saved in heaven because of what Christ has done for them, and He did no more for one saved person than for another. What He did for one of His children He did for each one of them.

If what Christ did for one secures a high place in heaven for him, what He did for another will do the same for him also. Hence, as sinners are saved in heaven because of what Christ has done, and not because of what they did, it follows that as Christ did no more for one of the saved than He did for another, all of the saved will be on an equality, or on a common level.

Paul said, 2 Tim. 4:8, a crown of righteousness was laid up for him. He also tells us that this crown was not only laid up for him, but it was also laid up for all who love the appearing of the Savior. This being true, it cannot be true that one will have a higher place or a more exalted position than another.

All the Lord's children will have the same inheritance 1 Pet. 1:3-5; as they all have the same inheritance, and each one has all the inheritance, then there is no difference here. All are on an equality and on an equal footing, so far as the inheritance is concerned. This being true, it cannot be true that one will have a higher place or a more exalted position than another.

In Rom. 8:17 we are told that the children of God are joint-heirs with Christ. Everyone knows that a joint-heir is an equal heir. Then as they are all joint-heirs with Christ, they will all, each and every one of them, share heaven and all that it is and all that it means equally with Christ. If one has a higher place than another, then they are not joint-heirs, are not equal heirs. But they are equal heirs, and therefore one will not have a higher place than another.

If one should have a higher place than another, why could there not be jealousy arising? Why could not one be jealous of another and envious of another who might be occupying a higher place than himself? This would destroy the very idea of heaven, and there would be no heaven at all.

It appears to us that this idea of a high and low seat in heaven is very much akin to an exalted opinion of self. Usually those who hold to such an idea have such an exalted opinion of self that they expect to occupy a very high place, and if we are to judge by expressions they sometimes use, they expect to look down with contempt upon those who occupy a lower place. It is pharisaical in the extreme. It is contrary to

sound reason, contrary to the teaching of God's word; and the idea of doing much for the Lord in order to enter heaven gave birth to it. May the Lord deliver His little children from every false way, is our humble prayer. (CAYCE vol. 1, ppg 339,340)

(From "An Anthology of Primitive Baptist Literature", Vol. 6 Edited by Elder Harold Hunt)

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**ETERNAL HELL**

By Elder John R Daily (Deceased)

The Greek word *gehenna* is the word most frequently employed in the New Testament to designate a place of future punishment. I am aware that this term originally signified the valley of Hinnom, a place near the city of Jerusalem where children were cruelly sacrificed by fire to Molech, the idol of the Amorites; afterward held in abomination, and used to cast carcasses of dead animals and malefactors, which were consumed by fire that was constantly kept burning. In process of time this place came to be considered as an emblem of hell. The name *gehenna* is frequently used in the New Testament to designate a place of punishment reserved for the wicked in a future state. In fact it is used only in that sense.

In Little and Scott's Lexicon it is defined as *a place of everlasting punishment, hell-fire, hell*. In Grove's Dictionary it is defined *hell, hell-fire, torments of hell*. It is translated hell in Matt. 23:33. "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell." The term "damnation of hell" is from the Greek phrase *kriseos tes gehennes*. *Kriseis* means *judgment, condemnation, final punishment*. This passage teaches that the place where this final punishment is to be inflicted is called *hell* or *gehenna*.

I now read Luke 12:4,5 and Matt. 10:28. The later passage teaches that the soul is not killed by killing the body; that the hell here mentioned is entered after death; that it is not the grave, for those who kill the body have power to bury the dead; and that is not the valley of Hinnom, for those who killed the body had power to cast it into that valley. These two parallel passages plainly teach that it is God who will cast soul and body into hell, and that this will be done after death. Therefore there is revealed to us in the scriptures a *place* of punishment in the future world.

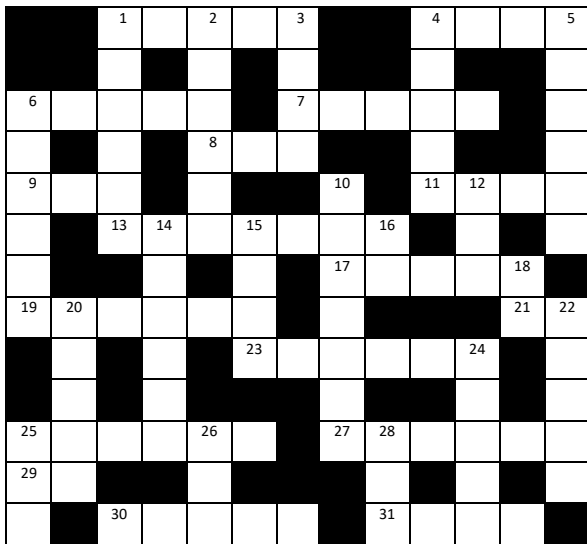
The same conclusion is reached by the following process of reasoning: [either] **1.** Christ used this word *hell* or *gehenna* without any application of without any design and meaning whatever; or **2.** He used it without any honesty, intending only to frighten them with literal burning in the valley of the son of Hinnom, an affliction they must have known they were absolutely in danger of; or **3.** He intended to reveal to them the fact that the ungodly would be consigned

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**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS:**

1. Who by thought can add one \_\_\_\_ to his stature?
4. The Israelites did all drink the \_\_\_\_ spiritual drink.
6. Sheba came to \_\_\_\_Solomon with hard questions.
7. The poor widow put her two \_\_\_\_into the treasury.
8. Abraham & Sarah were old and well stricken in \_\_\_\_
9. She was the mother of all living.
11. The mercy seat was overlaid with \_\_\_\_gold. Clean.
13. Jesus said without me you can do \_\_\_\_\_. Zero.
17. The apostles were to be wise as serpents and harmless as \_\_\_\_\_. Symbols of peace.
19. Holiday for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.
21. Spirit \_\_\_\_God moved on the face of the waters.
23. Jesus gave his life to redeem us and \_\_\_\_ unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.
25. Be not a forgetful hearer but a \_\_\_\_ \_the work and be blessed. Two words.
27. Joseph and Daniel were both interpreters of \_\_\_\_.
29. \_\_\_\_ Christ the solid rock I stand, not sinking sand.
30. God caused a deep \_\_\_\_ to fall on Adam; got a rib.
31. God formed man from the \_\_\_\_ of the ground.



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**DOWN:**

1. Ye have not chosen me but I have \_\_\_\_ you.
2. The publican smote upon his \_\_\_\_ as a sinner.
3. The tongue is an unruly evil no man can \_\_\_\_.
4. One day God will separate His \_\_\_\_ from the goats.
5. They that wait on the Lord shall mount up with wings as \_\_\_\_ and run and not be weary.
6. Without faith it is impossible to \_\_\_\_ God.
10. For the joy set before him, Jesus \_\_\_\_ the cross despising the shame and sat down in heaven.
12. Pray for them which despitefully \_\_\_\_ you.
14. God formed man \_\_\_\_ of the ground. \_\_\_\_ God so loved the world He gave His Son. Two words.
15. Stringed instrument which David played for Saul.
16. \_\_\_\_ ye into all the world and preach the gospel.
18. For God \_\_\_\_ loved the world He gave His Son.

**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**DOWN:**

20. Son of David who raped his sister Tamar and whom Absalom had killed afterward.
22. The Israelites were to observe the \_\_\_\_ of unleavened bread.
24. Adam lived and hundred and thirty \_\_\_\_.
25. Mephibosheth bowed before David and asked why he would look upon a dead \_\_\_\_ as he. Barks
26. There is one Lord, \_\_\_\_ faith, one baptism.
28. Thy \_\_\_\_ and thy staff they comfort me. Moses' \_\_\_\_.

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**OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES**

This isn't anything out of the mouth but a comical behavior action. My wife, Sandra, son, Joseph, and I were keeping our 15 month old grandson Eli for a night and a day recently. He is always going to his Nana (Sandra) and wanting her to pick him up and do something and mostly ignores me and Joseph unless we have something he wants. Well, his Nana had a leopard looking bonnet she puts on her head at night to keep her hair in place in the living room. She put it on her head. Eli looked at her a minute or two, squealed, and then sprinted to Joseph, holding his arms out to be taken. Who is this strange woman with a leopard looking head; he wanted no part of her until she took it off. She laughed and we all did but it was serious business for Eli.—*Editor*

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**ETERNAL HELL**

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to a place of punishment in the future world. No one can for a moment entertain the first two suppositions. We are compelled to adopt the last, therefore, or violate every principle of reasoning and consistency.

Moreover, it is well known that the Jews at this time believed in a place of future punishment, and as they used this term in that way themselves, they must have so understood Christ, and if they had been in error, he certainly would have corrected them, but so far from this he used the term himself. He would not have done this had he not intended to confirm their views and press upon them with additional force the same truth. It does seem to me that all who entertain the least regard for honesty and consistency will be compelled to accept the conclusion that Christ did teach that there is in the future state a place of punishment to which the finally wicked and impenitent will be consigned. (*John R. Daily Zion's Advocate Nov. 1898*)

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Be careful of your THOUGHTS; they may become WORDS at any moment.

**CHURCH NEWS**

Everyone is invited to Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecrú, MS for their Communion Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May, 2021. Services Friday night, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday night, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. Sun. May 16, at 10:00 a.m. with Communion. Elder Mark Quarles, Madison, MS is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS was blessed to receive a new member as Melissa Shettles came asking for a home in the church on Sunday Feb. 21, 2021. Elder Rusty Wise is Pastor of New Prospect.

Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Caledonia, MS will have its annual meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in April, 2021 (Apr. 9-11). Singing at 7:00 p.m. Friday night, Apr. 9, preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. Services Sat., Apr. 10, at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. Elders Dwayne Hooven, and John Staten are invited ministers. Concludes on Sun. at 10:30 a.m. Elder Joe Nettles is Pastor of Sulphur Springs.

Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Caledonia, MS was blessed to receive a new member as Nolan Stringfellow came asking for a home in the church Feb. 28. Elder Joe Nettles is Pastor of Sulphur Springs.

Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Ackerman, MS received a new member by letter on Feb. 14, 2021 as Sister Deborah Machiavelo cast her lot with a new church body from Tyler Primitive Baptist Church in Tyler, TX. It is always refreshing to receive a new member whether it is by letter or by baptism and especially for small bands of believers. Elder David Wise is Pastor of Macedonia.

Many churches have had to cancel services due to Covid-19 virus outbreaks but many had to cancel services due to snow and ice Valentine's Day weekend and following weekend. Hundreds of thousands across the nation were without power. We are especially thankful that the Lord of glory is NEVER without power but doeth His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth and none can stay His hand.—*Editor*

“And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will **meet with thee**, and I will **commune with thee** from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.” (Exodus 25:21-22) The Lord also promised to meet with and commune with us in the assembly of saints.—*Editor*

**CHURCH NEWS**

Brother Jackie Smith was ordained to the office of Elder at Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Mantachie, MS on Feb. 20, 2021 in the aftermath of a winter storm of snow and ice. The presbytery chose Pastor, Elder Neil Honea, as moderator. Presbytery gave moderator permission to make appointments among the ministers to fill responsibilities. Elder Luke Hagler was to offer opening prayer. Elder Tim McCool was appointed clerk. Elder Chris McCool was appointed to question spokesman of church, Greg Malone, as to intention of ordination. Elder Buddy Abernathy was appointed to question Brother Smith. Elder Joe Nettles was appointed to pray the ordination prayer amid the laying on of hands. Elder Rusty Wise and Elder Calvin Warren were appointed to deliver the charge. Minutes by Elder Tim McCool were approved. The presbytery and church were satisfied with the work and the presbytery was dissolved. Pastor Neil Honea thanked all who came and Brother Smith was turned back to the church as fully ordained minister. Lunch was served afterwards.

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**A LITTLE ADVICE**

1. If you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep.
2. The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.
3. Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.
4. The best vitamin to make friends...B1.
5. The 10 commandments are not multiple choices.
6. Happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.
7. Minds are like parachutes...they function only when open.
8. Ideas won't work unless YOU do.
9. One thing can't be recycled is wasted time.
10. One who lacks the courage to start has already finished.
11. The heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.
12. Don't learn safety rules by accident.
13. We lie the loudest when we lie to ourselves.
14. Jumping to conclusions can be bad exercise.
15. A turtle makes progress when it sticks its head out.
16. One thing you can give and still keep...is your word.
17. A friend walks in when everyone else walks out.
18. The pursuit of happiness is: the chase of a lifetime. (From "ITMS", July 2013)

If you want advice on bringing up children, DON'T ask someone who has never had children.

**SELF**

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matt. 16:24; also 19::21-22).

*Self denial* is necessary for the born-again child of God to enjoy the humble Spirit of God. How often are we prone to think of self and selfish desires to try to acquire our will instead of looking to the perfect will of God. The blessings of spiritual joys come when we do the will of God. It is wonderful if we *know* and *rejoice* in His joyful sound, but happy are ye if ye do them (John 13:17). The servant of God often has to not only deny himself but on many occasions leave his family for other’s sake, but trusting in God who is able to supply their needs too.

*Self exaltation* is degrading to the child of God. This is a selfish mode and by our walk we make an appearance of exaltation when we are nothing while void of the precious Spirit of God. We are not to put ourselves forward but take a lower seat until bidden to come forward. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted (Luke 14:11, Matt. 11:23).

*Self condemnation* of a child of God will help him find himself and return to the will of God and the joys of the spiritual kingdom and be pleasing unto the Father (See Luke 15<sup>th</sup> chapter; a beautiful account of a son returning to his father).

*Self righteousness* is also overcome by the humble Spirit of God prevailing in his soul. Many feel that they can live a righteous life and live above sin and brag of their knowing that they are going to Heaven. Surely we are not *going* anywhere, not even to the grave, but will be *carried* to the resting place. And how sweet it is to know that if we ever see Heaven and enjoy the portals thereof we will be carried there on the wings of a Dove (Jesus Christ), our Husband and Saviour (Read Matt. 23:23-27, Luke 18:11-12, I Cor. 15)!

*Self willed*—We are taught to be led by God’s faith which is the gift of God and the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. The eternal life of God’s children is not dependent upon what they do, have done, or will do by the will of man, but it is only by and through the will of almighty God and His good pleasure.

In God’s foreknowledge and purpose His people were chosen and elected, predestinated, called, justified, resurrected and glorified, made perfect for the glory world, all by and through God and our Savior Jesus Christ and what He has done for us. May we hold fast as faithful servants and be given to spiritual desires (Read Titus 1:7, II Peter 2:10). In hope of eternal life.

Elder Charles W. Alderton  
(From “*Advocate and Messenger*”, May, 1978)

**INCONSISTENCY**

By Elder S.N. Redford

An Arminian preacher in Texas made the statement that God had done all He was going to do for sinners; that Christ had done all He could do; that the angels were weeping over the situation; and that sinners were still not saved. When he called on Brother Jones to offer prayer, he said that he did not know whom to pray to if God had done all He would do for sinners and Christ had done all he could do. So Brother Jones refused to offer prayer.

Who cannot see the inconsistency of the Arminian world? I would suggest to them that they pray to the devil to turn sinners loose so their god could save them. But our God in not like their god. He has power over all flesh to give eternal life to all His sheep. I would be ashamed to speak of the God of heaven and earth as though He were a man, trying to do something and making a failure all along.

(*Old Path Contender*, Spring 2007)

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**ANSWERS**

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“God is never disappointed in His purposes, and He saves His people according to His own purpose...We do not believe that God will save any man from sin that He did not eternally purpose to save. There is not a doubt with us but what He will do everything He purposed to do.”

Elder Lemuel Potter—1896  
(“*Advocate and Messenger*”, April, 1980)



**APOSTLE PETER**

## Part 6



By Elder Rickey Taylor  
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Galatians 2:8-9: **“(For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:) And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.”**

Here Paul tells us that Peter was an apostle to the circumcision. Circumcision means the Jews who practiced the ordinance of circumcision. Peter's ministry primarily was to these people. The first gospel church was established among the Jews on the day of Pentecost at Jerusalem (Acts 2). James and John's ministry was also among the Jews. It was the will of God that the Gentiles would become a part of the New Testament church. So we see in Acts 10 that God sent Peter, a minister of the church at Jerusalem, to first preach the Gospel unto the Gentiles at the house of an Italian named Cornelius who lived at Joppa. After Peter preached to him and his household he baptized the believers among the house of Cornelius and departed from them. In Chapter 11 Peter is called into question for preaching to them. Peter declares the story of how God led him to Cornelius to preach the riches of Christ and him crucified and the results of his preaching upon them. This was of the hand of God!

Acts 11:18 **“When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.”** Please remember that Peter's preaching didn't give these people eternal life, nor did it regenerate them. This was already done by God. Peter was just telling the good news of what God had done for them. Now he instructed them to follow the Lord in baptism who had been so good to them.

After this time the believing Gentiles were coming into the church upon their belief that Jesus was the Christ. At first just a handful then the numbers began to increase. We now look into Acts 15. Acts 15:1 **“And certain men which came down from Judaea**

**taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.”** These false teachers were now saying that these newly converted Gentiles now needed to be circumcised after the order of the Jews. The saving that was under consideration was that of eternal salvation, which the Apostles knew were false. So they agreed to meet at Jerusalem on this matter and get it resolved. Paul and Barnabas were there as well as Peter among them.

Peter, the man who was afraid to admit that he even knew Jesus, now was a different man, full of the Holy Spirit, now stands up and boldly opens his mouth and begins by saying Acts 15:7-10 **“And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?”** Peter was saying we were not able to get eternal life through our works or the law, now why are you asking these Gentiles to bear the same burden which we were not able to bear? Here we see the work of a God called minister putting his finger on the heresy that eternal life can be obtained by some work; which it cannot. Now Peter says what the truth of eternal life is: Acts 15:11 **“But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.”** There we have it! No work can bring eternal life to anyone Jew or Gentile. It is by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ! Peter with his preaching had stopped the spread of false doctrine by preaching Christ and him crucified. God had prepared him for this moment to stand up against any heresy brought among the church by false doctrine. He had come a long way from the time that this lowly fisherman had first heard the words of his master saying unto him “Come and I will make you a fisher of men.” Peter was a shining light to the church, and this was one of his shining moments.

After this chapter Peter is mentioned very little throughout the Book of Acts. Details of Paul's ministry would now take up the remaining pages of Acts. This event of Paul and Peter meeting at Jerusalem seems to be a passing of the baton between the two of them. History records that Peter was crucified hanging upside down. He had requested to his enemies that he be crucified that way, so as not to take any glory away from his Lord. May God grant us such strength in our departure from this old world.

This concludes our articles on the Apostle Peter. We hope that you have enjoyed them and received a blessing.

R. L. Taylor

**CLOSING DOWN**

By Elder Louis Culver  
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When a business establishment reaches the end of its useful production and management decides it is no longer feasible to operate, a decision is made to close down the operation. In doing so, there are various activities necessary to accomplish the total dissolution of the business. There is usually no instantaneous cessation of operations.

The same is attendant to the closing of our life here on this earth. We do not know when our life will be "closed down," but there are some things we desire to accomplish before that time arrives. Because of the uncertainty of our demise, we should plan ahead, prepare in advance and anticipate the end.

The end is the beginning for a child of God. The end terminates our life on this earth, but that is the beginning of life hereafter. Of course, the spirit and soul return to God from whom they came and the body is committed to the earth in burial, to await the morning of the resurrection, when all the bodies in the graves will be called forth to be reunited with the soul and the spirit. The children of God will then be united with the Lord and taken to heaven, hence, the beginning of the new life in heaven in immortal glory, forever to be with the Lord.

Closing down as it applies to our life in this world is composed of living Godly lives in harmony with the teachings of the Bible. When we do the teachings of the Bible in our everyday life, we are preparing for the closing down of our life as a good and faithful servant.

Hear Paul as he speaks of his imminent departure from this life: **2 Timothy 4:6** *"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."*

We desire to be able to face the close of our life with peace in our heart, with joy to have lived, and with thanksgiving to God the Father and to Christ the Son for all the marvelous, glorious and precious blessings we have been given while we sojourned upon the earth.

If we have unfinished business to conclude, let us do so with all expediency because we neither know the day nor the hour when He will say that it is enough—it is time to close down your life here on earth.

(From "ITMS", November 2012)

(Phil. 1:23)

"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better."

**SALVATION CERTAIN**

By Elder S. A. Paine--(1874-1910)  
(*"Writings of Elder S. A. Paine"*)

The scriptures speak of the death of Christ, not as making salvation possible but certain. It does not speak of Christ modifying or lowering the demands of the law, so that sinners may satisfy its remaining demands, but a fulfilling the law, meeting all of its demands. Nor do we read anywhere an intimation that Christ only grappled with justice to the extent that sinners may by obedience to him be justified, but as having justified them. Not even does the sinner have to accept the perfect mediation or redemption in Jesus to make it effective, but on the other hand, they believe and accept it as true because of its effect. Salvation is an effect of the atonement made and when it is bestowed the recipient gladly and happily accepts and believes it as true. Salvation is an invariable effect of the atonement, faith an effect of salvation and obedience an effect of faith. So neither faith nor obedience are conditions of eternal salvation.

When Jesus died He redeemed, reconciled and justified. But we are asked, whom did He thus redeem, reconcile and justify? Our answer is, all for whom He died. But for whom did He die? Our answer is all that will ever be saved in heaven. But for none else? No, for if He died for any that will miss heaven it follows that Jesus' death was a failure, seeing He died to save. If Jesus suffered and died for those who will be lost, it follows that Jesus' suffering was not sufficient to pacify justice or you must submit that those lost will be unjustly punished. If you admit they will be unjustly punished, you blaspheme God. If you admit that they are justly punished it follows, if your admission is true, that justice was not met in the suffering of Christ. If justice was not met in the suffering of Christ, then all will be damned, seeing that justice demands more than the sinner can pay. There is more theology today that slanders Christ and His work than any other age of this world,

Arminianism, which is humanism, appears in a greater diversity of attire, and one form is just as bad as another. Any theory that denies a home in heaven for all represented by Christ in His death slanders Christ, for that was His specific design in giving His life. Christ purchased all for whom He died; hence they are His purchased possession and will meet Him in glory. He gave Himself for them that He might redeem, sanctify, and cleanse them, that He might finally present them to the Father without blemish.

If you love Him and His people, you are embraced. Faith, love, mourning for sin, poverty in spirit, a hatred for sin, and a craving for righteousness are only proofs that you are a partaker of Christ's benefits and of your heirship to the heavenly inheritance.

May the Lord help us to distinguish between cause and effect. The cause is in Christ and the effect is salvation in our souls which is the fountain of all spiritual impulse.

**IF CHRIST BE NOT RISEN**

By Elder Larry Wise  
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Christianity will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave on Easter Sunday, April 4, but there isn't any day set aside in scripture to celebrate such a day. However, His resurrection is of such importance that the consequences are horrific if Christ is not risen. If Christ is not risen then:

**1. There is no resurrection of the bodies of saints.** Paul got into more trouble for preaching the resurrection of Jesus than anything else. He writes to the church in Corinth and combats those who were saying there is no resurrection of the dead. Paul declares, "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:" "Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." (I Cor. 15:13,18) Christ was the firstfruits of them that slept and He could not have been the firstfruits if He had remained in the grave. In Adam all die but in Christ shall all be made alive but every man in his own order.

**2. There is no justification of the elect saints.** No individual can ever live in heaven without being justified. The sinner saint is justified (rendered righteous, innocent, holy, just) in the court of God by the blood of Jesus. "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." (Rom. 5:9) By the deeds of the law no flesh could be justified as obedience in perfection was required; not even the blood of bulls and goats could render one righteous. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was proof that God had accepted His perfect sacrifice to satisfy the demands of the law. "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." (Rom. 4:25) The term "for our justification" means "because of". Because we were already justified, He rose from the dead; otherwise, the children of God are yet in their sins. (I Cor. 15:17)

**3. Then all preaching is vain.** God calls men to preach His word; however, if Christ is not risen, that preaching is vain (empty, worthless). (I Cor. 15:14) There isn't any victory over death, hell and the grave to proclaim if Christ is not risen and we won't be saved from the wrath to come and what a horrible thought that is. Paul devoted his life to preaching Christ and Him crucified together with His resurrection, but it was all in vain if this declaration was not the truth. Every sermon that has ever been preached has been in vain if Christ has not risen.

**4. The faith of the saints is vain.** Faith is a fruit of the Spirit and preaching would fall on deaf ears without the presence of faith and no one would be benefited. What would be the use of quickening anyone into divine life, giving faith, if there was no resurrection of Christ? There wouldn't be anything to look forward to because the Redeemer is still in the grave and not in heaven. Jesus gave infallible proof of His resurrection and faith reaches out to embrace this truth; therefore, preaching and faith aren't vain because Jesus did arise from the grave.

**5. Then baptism of the believer is in vain.** One becomes a believer by hearing preaching and by faith embracing the truths preached. Remember however that preaching and faith is vain if Christ is not risen. Baptism is a representation of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4) Baptism would be in vain without any answer of a good conscience toward God as we would only have death and burial. Resurrection of Christ is essential to the life of the believer.

**6. Then Jesus Christ would have been proven a liar.** Jesus told of His death and resurrection to the Jews as well as the disciples. Jesus said, "...Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:19) The Jews wondered how that could be since the temple was 46 years in building and Jesus would raise it up in three days. The scripture tells us, "But he spake of the temple of his body." (John 2:21) After Jesus had risen from the dead, the disciples then remembered He said this unto them and they believed the word Jesus had said. Jesus said He had power to lay down His life and power to take it again. If He had not risen, He would have proven to be a liar and other truths He taught would be in question.

**7. Then the prophets and the inspired word of God would be in question.** Many places in the Old Testament speak of the future resurrection of Christ. David was a type of Christ and he said in Psalm 16:10, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Peter refers to this scripture in his sermon of the day of Pentecost and says, "He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses." (Acts 2:31-32) The saints could have no reliance on the word of God if it failed to be fulfilled just as prophesied in the Old Testament.

These are just a few of the consequences if Jesus Christ failed to rise from the dead; however, he told the disciples, "...because I live, ye shall live also." (John 14:19)

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God be with you until, by God's grace, we meet again  
in the next Glad Tidings.